

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chairman Jon C. Sesso, on March 19, 2009 at 8:30
A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon C. Sesso, Chairman (D)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Dennis Getz (D)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser (R)
Rep. Ray Hawk (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)
Rep. Dave Kasten (R)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Penny Morgan (R)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Don Roberts (R)
Rep. Cheryl Steenson (D)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jon Moe, Legislative Branch
Samuel Speerschneider, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 413, 3/16/2009; HB 629,
3/16/2009; HB 631, 3/16/2009; HB
655, 3/16/2009

Executive Action: HB 154; HB 43; HB 42; HB 251;
HB 165

HEARING ON HB 655

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:25 Rep. Tony Belcourt (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on
HB 655, Revise agriculture laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:56 Sen. Brad Hamlett, SD 10, Cascade County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:04:37 Christian Mackay, Executive Director, Board of
Livestock

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:47 Rep. Roberts
00:05:58 Mr. Mackay
00:06:17 Rep. Morgan
00:06:44 Rep. Belcourt
00:07:18 Rep. Morgan
00:08:01 Rep. Belcourt
00:08:16 Rep. Morgan
00:08:37 Rep. Belcourt
00:09:02 Rep. Morgan
00:09:26 Rep. Belcourt
00:10:02 Rep. Morgan
00:10:46 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:11:01 Mr. Mackay
00:11:53 Rep. Kasten
00:12:34 Mr. Mackay
00:13:27 Rep. Hollandsworth
00:14:04 Rep. Belcourt

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:46 Rep. Belcourt

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HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:28 Rep. Anders Blewett (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on
HB 631, Revise credit for preservation of historic
buildings and transfer of credit.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:20:08 Nick Kujawa, Realtor, Kujawa Development
00:24:58 Chere Jiusto, Executive Director, Montana Preservation
Alliance

EXHIBIT (aph61a01)

00:31:10 Karen Byrnes, Community Development, Silver-Bow County

EXHIBIT (aph61a02)

00:32:02 Frank Crowley, Diamond Gulch
00:33:41 Kate Hampton, National Trust for Historic Preservation
00:35:01 Jim McHugh, Executive Director, Downtown Helena
00:35:44 Terry Myhre, Montana Business Assistance Connection

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:36:21 Pete Brown

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:42 Rep. Morgan
00:38:23 Rep. Blewett
00:38:42 Ms. Burns
00:40:57 Rep. Morgan
00:41:50 Ms. Burns
00:43:14 Rep. Getz
00:43:53 Mr. Kujawa
00:46:57 Rep. McNutt
00:47:17 Rep. Blewett
00:48:04 Jon Moe, Legislative Fiscal Division

Closing by Sponsor:

00:50:45 Rep. Blewett

HEARING ON HB 413

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:51:53 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 413, Use coal tax to fund energy efficiency in public education facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:58:35 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:00:57 Lou More, Montana Department of Environmental Quality

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:02 Rep. Morgan
01:05:02 Rep. Peterson
01:06:06 Rep. Morgan
01:06:33 Rep. Peterson
01:06:51 Rep. Morgan
01:07:14 Rep. Peterson
01:08:27 Rep. Kasten
01:09:29 Mr. Melton
01:10:14 Rep. Kasten
01:10:42 Mr. Melton
01:11:18 Rep. Ankney
01:13:45 Ms. More
01:14:09 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:14:39 Rep. Peterson
01:15:28 Rep. Kasten
01:16:09 Tom Livers, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Closing by Sponsor:

01:17:47 Rep. Peterson

HEARING ON HB 629

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:20:19 Rep. Bill Glaser (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on
HB 629, Revise distribution of certain school revenue.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:06 Lance Melton, Montana School Board Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:29:17 Rep. Getz
01:29:53 Rep. Glaser

Closing by Sponsor:

01:31:31 Rep. Glaser
01:32:42 Recess

Announcements:

02:50:43 Chairman Sesso

HB 645 Presentation by the Executive:

02:52:36 Amy Carlson, Office of Budget and Program Planning

Discussion:

02:57:19 Rep. Sesso

Subcommittee Report on Fire Bills:

02:59:56 Rep. Steenson

Discussion:

03:10:28 Chairman Sesso
03:11:16 Rep. Steenson
03:11:34 Rep. Hollenbaugh

03:12:13 Barbara Smith, Legislative Fiscal Division
03:15:23 Rep. Kasten
03:16:20 Rep. Hawk
03:16:52 Rep. Steenson
03:17:50 Rep. Hawk
03:18:00 Chairman Sesso
03:18:29 Ms. Smith
03:19:01 Chairman Sesso

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 251

03:19:26 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 251 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 43

03:20:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 43 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

03:20:19 **Motion:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 42 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

03:21:00 Rep. Morgan
03:21:05 Chairman Sesso
03:21:13 Rep. Hollenbaugh
03:22:13 Rep. Steenson
03:22:41 Chairman Sesso
03:23:57 Ms. Smith
03:24:27 Chairman Sesso
03:25:03 Rep. Hollenbaugh
03:25:26 Rep. Vincent
03:26:47 Chairman Sesso

03:26:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 154

03:27:13 **Motion:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 154 DO PASS.**

03:27:28 **Motion:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 154 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

03:27:59 **Motion:** Chairman Sesso moved that **HB 154 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph61a03)

03:28:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

03:28:47 Chairman Sesso

03:30:24 Rep. Vincent

03:30:44 Chairman Sesso

03:31:21 Ms. Smith

03:31:41 Chairman Sesso

03:32:19 Rep. Glaser

03:32:35 Chairman Sesso

03:33:42 **Vote:** Conceptual Amendment passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT (aph61a04)

03:33:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 154 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

03:34:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Steenson moved that **HB 165 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

03:34:49 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

Samuel Speerschneider, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([aph61aad.pdf](#))